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SUBJECT: SOVIET EMIGRATION AND TRADE

FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANDERSON'S OCTOBER 16 NEWS BRIEFING:

QUOTE

Q: ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM MOSCOW, CHAIRMAN BREZHNEV HAS SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY LINKAGE BETWEEN TRADE AND ISSUES THAT PERTAIN TO THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF THE SOVIET UNION. HAS THIS VIEW BEEN OFFICIALLY COMMUNICATED TO THE UNITED STATES? AND DO YOU READ INTO THIS STATEMENT BY MR. BREZHNEV A CLEAR INDICATION THAT THE DEAL ON SOVIET JEWS IS OFF?

A: IN ANSWER TO YOUR FIRST QUESTION, I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS VIEW HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY COMMUNICATED TO THE US GOVERNMENT.

IN ANSWER TO THE SECOND QUESTION, JUST LET ME SAY THAT IT WAS ONE WEEK AGO, I BELIEVE, THE SECRETARY MET WITH SENATORS JACKSON, JAVITS AND RIBICOFF, A WEEK AGO YESTER-UNCLASSIFIED

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DAY, AND, AS I BELIEVE JOHN KING RELAYED TO YOU, THAT THE

SECRETARY FELT THAT CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE ON THE QUESTION THAT YOU RAISED, THE EMIGRATION OF SOVIET JEWS, AND THAT HE FELT THAT THE PROBLEM OF THE LETTER WAS

ESSENTIALLY SOLVED. AND SO FROM THAT I WOULD SAY THAT THE PROBLEM LOOKS AS IF IT IS GOING TO BE SOLVED, QUITE TO THE CONTRARY OF WHAT YOU HAVE HAVE SUGGESTED THERE.

O·	HOW WOLLD	YOUREAD	BREZHNEV'S	STATEMENT	THEN?

- A: I HAVEN'T REVIEWED IT.
- Q: YOU HAVE NOT SEEN IT?
- A: I HAVEN'T REVIEWED IT YET, OR STUDIED IT.

END QUOTE INGERSOLL

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